

**Island County Board of Health
Special Session – Monday, September 14, 2009
Minutes**

Agenda: There were no additions or changes to the published agenda. Because this is a Special Session of the Board of Health, only those items on the announced agenda may be discussed and/or acted upon at this session.

Members Present: Commissioners: Helen Price Johnson, John Dean and Angie Homola; Jim Slowik, Mayor of Oak Harbor.

Members Absent: Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board; Captain Jim Thralls, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Ex Officio Member; Anne Tarrant, WGH Commissioner.

Call to Order: Board Chair, Jim Slowik, called this Special Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Coupeville Recreation Center, 901 NW Alexander St., Coupeville.

Board Business: Board Chair, Jim Slowik, introduced Keith Higman, Health Services Director and congratulated him on his recent appointment by Governor Gregoire to sit as Chair of the State Board of Health.

Mr. Higman took the floor and introduced Health Department staff who were in attendance and advised the audience that staff would make themselves available to answer questions on a one-on-one basis following the meeting if audience members were uncomfortable asking their question(s) in the larger forum opportunity. Mr. Higman then presented the Board and audience with the history of the development of the On-Site Operations & Maintenance Program rules and the science underlying the rules. He then introduced Aaron Henderson, Environmental Health Director, who described the current program in relation to State requirements. Please see the presentation outline, attached.

The Chair had asked those wishing to make comment or ask questions to indicate that on a circulating sign-in sheet. At this point in the meeting, the Chair invited, in order of the sign-in list, 45 individuals (by five's) to come to the podium and make comment or ask their questions. Each speaker was allowed approximately 2-minutes in order to give all an equal opportunity to address the Board and staff. Staff answered questions as they were posed. Major areas of concerns were the cost of inspection, the cost of the filing fee, the inspection frequency criteria, and the opportunity of do self-inspections.

Adjournment: Chair Slowik adjourned this Special Session at 9:05 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Special Session held on September 21, 2009 in the Commissioners Hearing Room (B 102) of the Island County Court House Annex at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 21st day of September 2009
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Jim Slowik, Chair